



ESTABLISHING PRIVILEGING CRITERIA

These instructions will help the practice owner or accreditation manager understand the necessary documentation to clearly describe each privileged individual's ability to provide a specific item or service. That documentation must detail the Written Objective Criteria used to substantiate the necessary knowledge and skills of the privileged person to provide the care. For example, to provide patient care beyond the scope of their credential based on written criteria a Certified Prosthetist can be privileged by a Certified Orthotist to provide a specific type of orthosis for a specific diagnosis.

The written criteria must describe the elements of how the prosthetist has been specifically trained, educated and their experience related to providing that type of orthosis. This can be a certificate from a relevant continuing education course, documented in-house training and applicable experience or other means that show the prosthetist possesses the knowledge and skills to be able to safely treat the diagnosis with that specific orthosis.

Overview of ABC's Supervision and Privileging Requirements

Supervision and Privileging of a Credentialed Caregiver

Privileging of credentialed individuals to provide services beyond their defined scope of practice must ensure appropriate, effective, ethical and safe delivery of patient care. The credentialed

caregiver may be privileged, under **Indirect Supervision**, to provide patient care beyond the scope of their credential based on Written Objective Criteria.

Privileging of a credentialed caregiver is limited to the following:

PROSTHETICS

Orthotists and Prosthetic Assistants who are credentialed or licensed*, if applicable, may be privileged based on written criteria to provide prosthetic care.

ORTHOTICS

Prosthetists, Pedorthists, Orthotic Assistants and Orthotic Fitters who are credentialed or licensed, if applicable, may be privileged based on written criteria to provide orthotic care.

PEDORTHICS

Prosthetists, Orthotic Assistants, Orthotic Fitters and Therapeutic Shoe Fitters who are credentialed or licensed, if applicable, may be privileged based on written criteria to provide pedorthic care.

**All privileging must be in compliance with state laws or rules that apply to the provision of orthotic, prosthetic or pedorthic items and services.*



ABC Certified Technicians may be privileged based on written criteria to provide services, in the discipline they are credentialed, in the Implementation of the Treatment Plan and Follow-up domains under **Indirect** Supervision.

Orthotic, prosthetic or pedorthic patient care services provided by the privileged credentialed caregiver that are beyond their scope of practice must not exceed ABC's defined scope of practice for Orthotists, Prosthetists or Pedorthists. The supervisor must review the results of care and the documentation of the services provided by the supervised individual and is responsible for countersigning all entries by the caregiver in the patient's clinical record within 15 days. The supervisor is responsible for all services that the caregiver is being privileged to provide.

Direct Supervision

This level of supervision requires the supervising credentialed individual to be available for consultation throughout the patient care process. The supervisor must be physically on site while the care is being provided. The supervisor must review the results of care and the documentation of the services rendered by the supervised individual and is responsible for countersigning within 15 days all entries by the caregiver in the patient's clinical record.

Indirect Supervision

This level of supervision does not require the supervising credentialed individual to be on site however they must be available for consultation throughout the patient care process. The supervisor must review the results of care and the documentation of the services rendered by the supervised individual and is responsible for countersigning within 15 days all entries in the patient's clinical record.



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